

ROBERT J. IS KING.

The Fast Pacer Now Holds the World's Harness Record.

He Beels Off a Mile at Ft. Wayne in 2:03 3-4.

LAST QUARTER IN 30.

Nancy Hanks' 2:04 is No Longer the Harness Record.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Sept. 1.—Mascot, Flying Jib and Nancy Hanks have been dethroned and Robert J. stands king of harness horses. The great son of Hartford, driven by Ed Geers, yesterday made the fastest mile ever paced in harness, lowering the world's record of 2:04 to 2:03 3-4.

Excitement was at fever heat when it was announced that Robert J. would go. Geers appeared confident that he would equal his record, yet hardly anyone expected the wonderful termination. After about ten minutes spent in warming him, Geers scored down the track with a running mate hanging on his wheel, but the silent man was not fully satisfied, and the word was not given. Again Geers scored down the track, and as he neared the starter's stand Robert J. was as steady as a clock and going like the wind. Geers nodded for the word, Starter Walker gave it, and Robert J. shot forward like an express train.

On to the first quarter he sped in 30 3-4. Everybody watched the half, and when that was passed in 1:01 3-4 the nerves of 5,000 people were wrought to the highest tension. Geers slowed up just a trifle, but when the three-quarters post was passed in 1:33 3-4, all were certain a world's record would be broken. Geers again let the great horse out, and as he swung into the home stretch down he came like the wind and crossed the wire in 2:03 3-4, making the last quarter in just thirty seconds. The crowd was almost breathless until the wire was crossed, and as the time was caught by the hundreds of watches, one mighty shout rent the air, and it was a most enthusiastic demonstration that took place. Cheers were given for Geers, for Robert J., for Hamlin, his owner, and for the track.

LATEST PENSION RULING.

A New Construction of the Act in Regard to Mexican Pensions.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—Several thousand pension claims are affected by four recent rulings of Acting Secretary of the Interior Reynolds, construing the act of January 5, 1893, which provides for an increase of pension from \$8 to \$12 per month on account of service in the Mexican war. The acting secretary holds that the increase granted under that act does not commence at the date of the act, but from the date of approval of the increase claim in the pension bureau, and that the increase does not apply to the case of widows.

The act, says Judge Reynolds, does not include those persons who composed Powell's battalion of Missouri mounted volunteers, who were directed to be placed upon the pension rolls subject to the provisions of the act of January 29, 1887, pensioning the survivors of the war with Mexico.

The department also holds that the fee of \$25 claimed by attorneys, under articles of agreement, cannot be allowed, and no fee in excess of \$3 can be paid, as provided in the act of March 3, 1891.

SHOWS A SURPLUS.

Government Receipts for August Largely Exceeded the Expenditures.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—The cash balance in the treasury yesterday was \$126,875,440, of which \$55,248,023 was gold reserve.

The total receipts from all sources at the treasury during August amount to \$41,021,330, and the disbursements \$31,088,804, leaving a surplus for the month of \$9,932,526, although the disbursements yesterday exceeded the receipts by \$346,513. Of the receipts \$11,694,914 were from customs and \$27,563,974 from internal revenue.

Indians Killing Game in Idaho.

BOISE, Idaho, Sept. 1.—One hundred Indians from Fort Hall reservation are committing depredations in Owyhee county. They are camped in the vicinity of Bruneau county and are slaughtering game ruthlessly. District Attorney C. M. Hay ordered Game Warden Johnson to warn them to desist. The Indians acted in so threatening a manner he beat a hasty retreat. He reports that they killed a Chinaman yesterday and settlers are much alarmed.

Battle at Fort Arthur.

LONDON, Sept. 1.—A dispatch to the Times from Shanghai says: "A Tien Tsin dispatch from Chinese sources says fourteen Japanese ships, with over 4,000 troops are attacking Fort Arthur. The Chinese garrison, numbering 5,000 men, and the Chinese fleet have been ordered to attack the Japanese."

Crushed to Death by a Train. MEXICO, Mo., Sept. 1.—James Barnes, who lives at Benton City, was run over by a freight train yesterday morning and killed. Mr. Barnes leaves a wife and one son, Joseph, who is a farmer near Benton.

17.03.—Denver and Return.—17.05.

ROCK ISLAND ROUTE.

For the meeting of the National Irrigation Congress and Democratic League held at Denver the Rock Island will sell tickets at one fare for round trip. Tickets on sale September 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Good to return including September 16th.

\$17.05.

Denver and Return, Santa Fe route. Tickets sold September 1, 2 and 3, good to return including September 16, and good to stop off at any point between Pueblo, Colorado Springs and Denver, inclusive.

THE BUSINESS WORLD.

The Gain Not What Was Expected to Follow Tariff Settlement.

NEW YORK, Sept. 1.—E. G. Dun & Co.'s review of trade says: "The activity which came with exhausted stocks and the pressure of delayed fall demands and was increased by the removal of uncertainty about the tariff, has continued with heavy entries of foreign goods since the bill became a law. The gain is not yet what was expected, and business, if good in comparison with last year, is still poor in comparison with years preceding. Presumably there has not been time to feel the full effects of the change and a gradual gain will be more healthy and encouraging than a spasmodic rise, but the expansion of commercial loans has suddenly ceased, prices of manufactured products show weakness rather than strength, and there has been a reaction in the stock market, prices of railway stocks averaging 33 cents and of trust stock 2.11 per share lower than a week ago."

Bradstreet says: At all but a few of the cities from which special telegrams are received, favorable influences are shown to have been at work, resulting in still further improvement in the business situation since the settlement of the tariff question.

Bank Clearings.

NEW YORK, Sept. 1.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet's, gives the clearing house returns for the week ending Aug. 30, 1894, and the percentage of increase or decrease as compared with the corresponding week of 1893:

Cities	Clearings	Inc.	Dec.
Kansas City	\$9,393,085	69.9	
Omaha	1,775,504	2.5	
Denver	1,351,192	41.9	
St. Joseph	1,351,449	5.0	
Lincoln	297,227	9.2	
Wichita	200,855	25.6	
Topeka	200,855	25.6	

MILLIONS FOR BRIDGES.

Report on the Cost of Structures to Span the Hudson at New York.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—The war department yesterday furnished a synopsis of the report of the commission appointed to investigate and recommend what length of span, not less than 2,000 feet, would be safe and practicable for a railroad bridge over the Hudson river between New York and Jersey City.

The commission finds that a 2,000-foot span cantilever bridge, with a pier in the center of the river, would be safe and practicable, and that its cost, including viaduct, would be \$26,728,000. A 3,100-foot span cantilever from shore to shore is found to be possible, but impracticable, on account of its expense, \$31,128,000.

The board reports that investigation satisfies it that a 3,100-foot single span suspension bridge would be safe and practicable and would, if certain constructions were adopted, cost \$35,397,671. Such a bridge would carry six maximum freight trains moving side by side at full speed.

A plan is worked out and submitted for a lighter structure suspension bridge, which the board believes would meet every possible demand with absolute safety, at a cost of \$30,743,000.

PYTHIAN SISTERHOOD.

The Supreme Assembly at Washington Elects Officers.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—The supreme assembly of the Pythian Sisterhood yesterday elected officers for the ensuing two years: Mrs. George Bemis of Worcester, Mass., was chosen supreme chancellor to succeed Mrs. A. A. Young, of Concord, N. H. Others were: Supreme vice chancellor, Mrs. G. Van Wert, Jersey City, N. J.; supreme prelate, Mrs. W. A. Dilworth, Nebraska; supreme mistress of E. Mrs. L. A. Small, re-elected; supreme mistress at arms, Mrs. Robert Smith of Ohio; supreme I. G., Mrs. J. Loring of New York; supreme O. G., Mrs. E. C. Cole of Maine; supreme organizer, Mrs. J. H. Brown of Rhode Island.

DEBS' CONTEMPT CASE.

Preparations Will Be Made for a Vigorous Prosecution.

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 1.—United States Attorney Dixon, ex-United States Attorney McIlchrist, Special United States Counsel Edwin Walker and Morris Rosenthal, assistant attorney, held a conference yesterday in Mr. Dixon's office with reference to the prosecution of the Debs contempt case, which Judge Woods will hear September 25. Methods of procedure were discussed and preparations will be made for a most vigorous prosecution of the strike leaders.

RESORT "FLYER" WRECKED.

The Chicago and West Michigan Fast Train Dashes Into a Herd of Cattle.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Sept. 1.—The Chicago and West Michigan fast train, known as the resort "Flyer," which left here for Petoskey at 7:10 yesterday morning was wrecked twelve miles south of Baldwin by running into a herd of cattle. The engine was overturned and the entire train derailed, except the parlor car, which remained on the track. Fireman John Kobe of this city was instantly killed, crushed under the engine, and Engineer John S. Patterson was so badly injured that he died last evening, after being brought to this city. One passenger, Mrs. Dockery, residence unknown, was slightly injured.

Best Sugar Protest.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—Senator Manderson of Nebraska was at the treasury department yesterday with a number of gentlemen from Nebraska interested in beet sugar production and manufacture. He protested against the recent decision of Secretary Carlisle that no further payments of sugar bounties should be made. It was arranged that the senator should file a brief giving his views for the use of the secretary.

Business Suits.

That will surprise you for \$25.00 made to order at Olof Ekberg's, merchant tailor, 716 Kansas avenue.

FROM SLEEP TO DEATH.

Uvalde, Texas, Submerged by a Sudden Rush of Water.

At 2 O'clock in the Morning the Flood Came.

HOUSES ARE WRECKED.

Many People Drowned and Property Washed Away.

UVALDE, Texas, Sept. 1.—A terrific catastrophe befell this thriving town Thursday night, and to-day there is mourning in many households. The calamity was entirely unexpected. The treacherous Leona river, swollen to a raging torrent by recent rains, rushed without a moment's warning down upon the town, submerging and wrecking many houses and drowning a number of people. In this section such destructiveness by the elements has never before been chronicled. In the excitement of the day, it is not definitely known how many have been drowned.

Among those who have been identified are:

Mrs. Joe Hatch, Miss Mattie Edwards, child of Mr. Maley and two Mexicans.

It was about 2 o'clock in the morning when the flood came. The weather had been threatening and there were ominous clouds to the north and east of the town. The atmosphere had been close early in the evening and predictions of a storm were freely made. The citizens went to their beds not with happy minds.

As the hours wore on and the people continued their slumbers, the dark clouds rose higher and higher. Just as the storm broke over the city in all its fury, a torrent of water rushed down the Leona river, overflowing the banks of that stream and flooding the lowlands on either side to a depth of several feet. The east side of the city is built upon low ground and was directly in the path of this water.

All of the houses in that part of town were submerged, and in the darkness and throughout the downpour of rain that was falling could be heard the cries of distress from the ill-fated inhabitants in their wild efforts to save their lives and those of their families and loved ones. Great apprehension is felt for those living on the ditch south of here, where seventy-five to 100 families live, and the land lying fifteen feet lower than here, it is feared they have been destroyed. An earthquake shock of some seconds' duration was distinctly felt during the night. At one place near the city, about a quarter of a mile distant, heavy cracks appeared on each side of the river, having apparently no bottom. A track walker of the Southern Pacific, after wading through water up to his neck, with his lantern elevated above his head, succeeded in feeling his way far enough east to intercept a west bound train and prevent its plunging into the raging river, where the railroad bridge had been destroyed.

News reaches here that three families living below town have been drowned. The names have not yet been learned. According to reports received at the Southern Pacific office, the terrible flood was augmented by a most remarkable phenomenon, which was caused by the earthquake. The loss to the Southern Pacific is enormous, forty miles of track and many bridges having been washed away. The damage to the Southern Pacific extends eastward about seventeen miles from this city.

A thorough but safe estimate as to the loss of property, including that of the railroad, will, as far as known, reach \$1,500,000.

THE MOSQUITO TROUBLE.

Minister Baker Communicates With the State Department at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—Minister Baker yesterday sent a dispatch to Secretary Gresham concerning the expulsion of the persons concerned in the Mosquito troubles, which states the president of Nicaragua, acting under an act of the legislature, issued a decree expelling from the Mosquito country all persons engaged in the rebellion against the government, against the expulsion of Americans without trial. He informed the Nicaraguan government the United States held that without trial and conviction upon some offense, Nicaragua had no right to banish American citizens. The minister also stated the Americans who had been arrested were now on parole.

Noted Indian Doctor Killed.

PERRY, Ok., Sept. 1.—Dr. Shootsman, a noted Indian doctor, and who has on several occasions brought terror to several small towns on the border of the Osage country, was killed by Bill Jones, another Indian, yesterday. Shootsman and Jones quarreled over the right of possession of Jones' squaw.

Farmer Sandbagged and Robbed.

MARSHALL, Mo., Sept. 1.—Late last evening, near Grand Pass, this county, James Brown of this city was held up, sandbagged and all his money and two horses taken from him by two highwaymen. He remained unconscious several hours from a lick on the back of his head.

Past Horses Cremated.

HIAWATHA, Kan., Sept. 1.—Fred B., the celebrated racer, and three other fast horses were burned to death on the fair grounds here yesterday. The sparks from a stove near the stables set the fire.

Small in size, great in results: De Witt's Little Early Risers. Best pill for Constipation, best for Sick Headache, best for Sour Stomach. J. K. Jones.

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Made to your order at Olof Ekberg's 716 Kansas ave.

Webb & Harris, druggists, Bennett's Flat.

MORTON'S LETTER.

The Ex-Vice President Explains His Position to New York Republicans.

BRINCK CLIFF, N. Y., Sept. 1.—The following letter explains itself: "ELLENBIE, BRINCK-CLIFF ON HUDSON, Aug. 31, 1894.—In response to the very large number of suggestions made to me that I should declare my attitude with reference to the Republican state convention, I address myself to the Republicans of the state of New York and beg to say that while the suggestions are in themselves unusual, I venture to express the hope that the urgency of the public journals for the announcement of my decision was not occasioned by any undue hesitation on my part.

"I am certainly not seeking any nomination from the convention. I have been absent from the country so long and so far that no one can refer to the slightest movement on my part to cause a discussion in which my name has been used with the names of other Republicans who are deservedly honored throughout the state for their service and character. I have put myself in nobody's way nor have I suffered anyone to do that for me which I disclaim for myself. And now, having been five days on American soil after twelve months absence, and, having examined the situation as well as possible in that period, I beg to say that in the approaching councils of the party in convention assembled I desire to be regarded as a soldier in the Republican army, ready to receive the commands of my fellow citizens of like persuasion in public policy with myself, whether those commands involve leadership or service in the ranks.

"When I left the vice president's chair, and since, I have had no thought, much less desire, to re-enter public life. Manifest considerations regarding my family, which I have no right to obtrude upon the public, led me to desire to spend the remainder of my days in retirement.

"By the kindness of my countrymen, having held high official positions at home and abroad, I was profoundly content to let the record stand. But, do not understand me to imply that I look lightly upon the office of governor of the state of New York. I have been searching of the resources, the capacities and the needs of the Empire state, and I appreciate the importance, the usefulness and the honor of the great office of the chief executive. Should I be called to fill it I shall strive earnestly to serve the people with a steadfastness of purpose and to faithfully administer a public trust.

"Finally, I aver in sincere terms, if the convention shall prefer to see any other name than mine upon the Republican banner, I shall accept the result without regret or sense of injury and will give to the successful candidate my hearty and unwavering support.

"Trusting the action of the convention will be harmonious and redound to the best interest of the party and state, I remain, with great respect your obedient servant,

"LEVI P. MORTON."

CLEVELAND PLAGIARIZES.

A Phrase of His Catchings Letter Resembles Moore's Poem.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—There has been much discussion of President Cleveland's letter to General Catchings.

The criticism is as to its form and phraseology. It is even charged in certain quarters that the president borrowed without giving credit the most picturesque sentence in the whole letter.

The president said: "I take my place with the rank and file of the Democratic party, who believe in tariff reform and who know what it is; who refuse to accept the results embodied in this bill as the close of the war; who are blinded to the fact that the livery of Democratic reform has been stolen and worn in the service of Republican protection, and who have marked the place where the deadly blight of treason has blasted the councils of the brave in their hour of might."

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AN EX-TELEGRAPHER KNIGHTED.

But Sir William Van Horne Is Now President of the Canadian Pacific.

Queen Victoria recently knighted an ex-telegraph operator of Illinois. He is not a telegraph operator now, but is president and general manager of the Canadian Pacific railway, and his name at the present stage of the game is Sir William Charles Van Horne. Sir William was born of poor but honest parents near Joliet in 1843, and when he was receiving a meager education at a common school and the boys called him Billy and tied knots in his shirt while he was in swimming he and they never dreamed that Queen Victoria would ever say, "Rise up, Sir William," to plain Billy Van Horne.

Equipped with but little education, Van Horne began the struggle of life at 18 years of age as a telegrapher on the Illinois Central railroad. Later he became ticket agent and telegraph operator on the Chicago and Alton, and by hard work and strict attention to business was finally promoted to be superintendent of telegraph. He is very fond of a good breakfast, and when he was superintendent of the road's dining car service he abolished side dishes and substituted beefsteak. The plan did not work with the general public, and the side dishes, like the cat, came back.

Van Horne continued educating himself by hard study, and his advancement in knowledge kept pace with his rise in the railroad world. He was division superintendent of the Chicago and Alton for three years and then became general superintendent of the St. Louis, Kansas City and Northern, a position he held two years. He then began an eight years' service as general manager and president of the Southern Minnesota. After two years' work as general superintendent of the Chicago and Alton and two more in the same capacity with the Milwaukee and St. Paul he became general manager of the Canadian Pacific in 1892 and was promoted to the presidency in 1893.

It was predicted that the Canadian Pacific would prove a financial failure, but under Van Horne's management it has always paid dividends, and his able management caused the queen to knight him. He is an expert geologist, a clever amateur painter and a connoisseur in all matters pertaining to art.

WAR AGAINST LIVING PICTURES.

This Is the Latest Crusade of Lady Henry Somerset, the Temperance Advocate.

Lady Henry Somerset, who has declared war on living pictures in London and New York, is now in this country and will remain here during the winter while her son, H. S. Somerset, attends Harvard.

Lady Somerset is the Frances E. Willard of Great Britain. She is the foe of vice in any form and considers living pictures degrading to those who take part in them and to those who view them.

She is a strong minded woman and consequently makes no secret of the fact that she was born in 1861. She is the eldest daughter of Earl and Countess Somers of Eastnor castle, Leicestershire, England, and succeeded to the vast estates of her father.

At 21 she was married, but not mated, to Lord Henry Somerset, second son of the Duke of Beaufort, and in 1874 her only child was born. Marriage was a failure so far as she and Lord Somerset were concerned, and his dissipated habits soon led to a separation. The child was awarded to its mother, and Lord Somerset retired to Florence to live on a handsome allowance furnished by his wife.

From that time until 1885 her life was passed amid the gay whirl of English society. Then sudden religious convictions caused her to abandon a life of elegant idleness for a life of work in the cause of humanity. There were 100,000 tenants on her property in the east of London, and she promptly engaged in mission work among them. She gave fetes to 10,000 poor people at a time, and Eastnor castle was thronged with humble visitors.

Lady Somerset then turned her attention to the liquor problem and became president of the British Women's Temperance association and vice president of the World's Women's Christian Temperance union.

Lady Somerset had long been an ardent admirer of Miss Willard and came to America in 1891 to see her. Lady Somerset spoke in all the large cities on temperance work and returned to America in 1893 to dedicate the Woman's temple in Chicago and participate in the opening exercises of the World's fair.

Lady Somerset believes in women's rights. "She who is life-giver," she declares, "ought to sit among the lawgivers."

Irish Arts and Crafts.

An Irish arts and crafts society has just been formed in Dublin for the purpose of stimulating the industries of Ireland and attempting to raise the craftsmen to a higher artistic level.

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